

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TIPPECANOE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD AUGUST 20, 1975

State Highway  
Commission

A special called meeting was held in the County Council Room in the Tippecanoe County Court House at 10:00 a.m., on August 20, 1975 with the following people present: Bruce Osborn and William Vanderveen, Tippecanoe County Commissioners, Robert L. Martin, Tippecanoe County Surveyor, A. D. Ruth, Jr., Tippecanoe County Highway Engineer, Maurice Callahan, Engineer for the City of Lafayette, Byron Burch and Harold Wilson, Road Design Dept. of the Indiana State Highway Commission and Gladys Ridder, Secretary.

Mr. Osborn opened the meeting by asking the gentlemen from the Road Design Department of the State to speak on what they felt was the extent of their responsibility.

Mr. Wilson said he felt their responsibility lay only with their right-of-way and that the design and financing of a plan to dispose of the water outside their right-of-way lay in the hands of the governmental agency in which the land is located. He said the state felt working together, however, in this effort would prove profitable for all.

Mr. Callahan said he felt it would take a study and financing of the study by both the County and the City of Lafayette to even begin to have answers to the problem. The city has done only a preliminary study at this point and he felt it would take a year to get the job done. Mr. Callahan said he also felt that in the State's plan to hook-up to a dead field tile would be a mistake.

Mr. Ruth said he objected to the one statement on a letter from the state dated July 25, 1975, quote "The proposed improvement project on State Road 26 by the Indiana State Highway Commission will not create a drainage problem any worse than currently exists" unquote. He said the present plans call for ponding and that ponding would stand in front of homes where no ponding had been before. Mr. Ruth said some of the State Road 26 water goes east and west down to I-65 drain and spills on to land farmed by Peter Keiser. Mr. Ruth said a dike forcing the water to go east and into a equalizer pipe under I-65 would be beneficial.

Each agency involved recognized their responsibility and were willing to accept that responsibility. It was suggested to look into State funds to help finance the study as the local agencies neither one had the money it would cost. Mr. Osborn asked the responsible Parties to get off dead center and get something rolling.

The City's responsibility on State Road 26 ends with the centerline of Creasy Lane and the County's responsibility exists from the centerline of Creasy Lane eastwardly. Both County and City felt it should be a joint effort in designing a sewer to get rid of the water.

Upon motion by Bruce Osborn, seconded by William Vanderveen, the meeting adjourned.

absent

Robert F. Fields, Chairman

*William Vanderveen*

William Vanderveen, Vice Chairman

*Bruce Osborn*

Bruce Osborn, Board Member

ATTEST:

*Gladys Ridder*  
Gladys Ridder, Executive Secretary